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# NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Honoring the Dream

Jan 14, 2011

On January 17 Georgia Tech will join fellow Atlantans and Americans in celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is a time for both reflection and action with a number of special activities planned.

On January 14 and 15, we will welcome more than 100 participants from campuses across the nation for our 20th annual [FOCUS](http://www.focus.gatech.edu) (<http://www.focus.gatech.edu>) weekend. This program provides an opportunity for minority students from around the country to explore opportunities available in graduate school and serves as a model for other universities.

It is fitting that FOCUS is held each year as part of the weekend when we celebrate the life and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., since the vision for the program came from one of his many inspirational quotes: "Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential. Social action without education is a weak expression of pure energy."

Georgia Tech has a proud tradition of service, it is part of our motto and many continue to volunteer in our community. Last fall, more than 2,100 Tech volunteers worked in more than 40 locations throughout the city, when [TEAM Buzz Service Day](http://main.teambuzz.org) (<http://main.teambuzz.org>) combined with Hands on Atlanta. This past weekend, many of our students also participated in the Governor's Day of Service.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, January 17, Georgia Tech will host the 18th Annual Hands On Atlanta Martin Luther King Jr. Service Summit at the First Center for the Arts. This event is part of our celebration of the 50th anniversary of the matriculation of the first black students, and honors Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy of service. The Summit provides an opportunity to recognize those who have committed themselves to service and honors the life of a man who inspired many. It is open to the public, and I hope you will [participate](http://www.service.gatech.edu) (<http://www.service.gatech.edu>). We need your energy and your voice.

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[Global Collaboration, Technological Innovation](#) ([/president/notes/global-collaboration-technological-innovation](#))

Dec 02, 2010

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## PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT



### [GT Students Host Annual Day at State Capitol](#)

<http://www.gatech.edu>[/newsroom/release.html?nid=64013](#)

Group hears from legislators, is honored by General Assembly



### [Georgia Tech to Found Center for 21st Century Universities](#)

<http://www.gatech.edu/newsroom/release.html?nid=63221>

The new center will serve as living laboratory for technologically enhanced approaches to education.



### [Georgia Tech Celebrates 786 Patents Thanks to Tech Transfer Law](#)

<http://www.gatech.edu/newsroom/release.html?nid=63143>

The Georgia Institute of Technology celebrates this month the 30th anniversary of landmark federal legislation that has driven innovation from campus to the marketplace.

## TECH IN THE NEWS

**New Studies Show That  
Climate Change Is the Culprit  
in Extreme Rain**

[\(http://ecocentric.blogs.time.com/2011/02/17/new-studies-show-that-climate-change-is-the-culprit-in-extreme-rain/\)](http://ecocentric.blogs.time.com/2011/02/17/new-studies-show-that-climate-change-is-the-culprit-in-extreme-rain/)

*Time* - February 18, 2011

**PneumoniaCheck to Help  
Improve Pneumonia Test  
Sample Collection**

[/http://www.medgadget.com/archives/2011/02/pneumoniacheck\\_to\\_help\\_improve\\_pneum](http://www.medgadget.com/archives/2011/02/pneumoniacheck_to_help_improve_pneum)

*Medgadget* - February 17, 2011

**Phys Ed: What Really Causes  
Runner's High?**

[/http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/02/16/phys-ed-what-really-causes-runners-high/?partner=rss&emc=rss](http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/02/16/phys-ed-what-really-causes-runners-high/?partner=rss&emc=rss)

*New York Times* - February 16, 2011

**Devastating 2010 Pakistan  
floods highlight difficulties in  
sounding alarm**

[/http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/13/AR2011021302479.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/13/AR2011021302479.html)

*Washington Post* - February 14, 2011